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Mayor's Address, ANNUAL REPORTS

AND

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Mayor's Address.

Gentlemen of the City Council :

Being called again by the suffrages of my fellow citizens to fill the office of Chief Magistrate of the city, I avail myself of this occasion to express to them my thanks for so decided a proof of their confidence and regard, and to renew my promise, as I have already renewed my oath, to endeavor to discharge well the duties of the office.

Allow me, also, gentlemen, to congratulate you upon your election, and upon the favorable auspices under which we meet to inaugurate the new government. Let us not feel that we are elected to the several offices we now hold, the duties of which we have each and all of us solemnly sworn to perform, on the simple ground, that our fellow citizens have been desirous to bestow upon us any special favors or honors ; but rather that we have been entrusted with the municipal duties and labors of the city, during the present year. At the expiration of our time of service, we shall be called upon to render an account of our stewardship, whether it be good or bad. May a kind Providence so aid and direct us that we may be entitled to the appellation : "Well done, good and faithful servants."

The judicious and economical management of our affairs depends largely on those who are to fill the offices under your control. Great care will doubtless be taken in their selection, and it is hoped you will be fortunate in choosing those only who will prove by their fidelity that your confidence in them is well placed.

Great care should be taken by us to study economy, and to guard against extravagance in the expenditures of the people's money. We are the guardians of the Treasury, and the tax payers expect an honest and prudent management of their financial affairs.

The permanent debt of the city may be briefly stated as follows :

City Bonds falling due, July 1, 1873.....	\$7,000
“ “ Oct. 1, 1874.....	5,000
“ “ April 1, 1877.....	25,000
“ “ July 1, 1878.....	4,000
“ “ April 1, 1882.....	15,000

City Bonds falling due, July 1, 1883.....	3,000
“ “ Feb. 15, 1883.....	2,000
“ “ April 1, 1887.....	1,000
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	\$67,000
Two notes 1,000 each due on demand.....	2,000
To which add balance of loan authorized, but not nego- tiated	4,000
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	\$73,000

It will be noticed above that \$7,000 of this debt becomes due, July 1, 1873, and it will be your duty, gentlemen, to provide by an appropriation or loan, for the payment, as may seem to you expedient.

I learn from the Auditor's Report that after making the following transfers, there will be a sufficient amount left to the credit of each department to pay all the outstanding bills against the city :

Transfer from Poor and Insane to Fire Department.....	\$600 00
Transfer from discounts to Fire Department.....	183 02
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	\$783 02
Transfer from J. M. Larrabee, account to G. & P. School	400 00
“ “ “ “ High School..	43 01
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	\$443 01
Transfer from Interest to Police account.....	\$93 19
“ “ “ “ Highways.....	406 81
“ “ Abatements to Highways.....	600 00

And this will close up all overdrawn accounts.

I would respectfully suggest an inquiry on your part into the propriety of establishing a sinking fund with a view of ultimately paying up the whole city debt.

In directing your attention to some of the more important matters committed to your charge, I would first advert to one that lies at the foundation of all good government.

EDUCATION.

Our schools in general have been successful the past year, and our citizens may well be proud of their educational privileges. All who choose may share in the benefits of our common schools. The humblest can become the peer of the highest if he avail himself of those advantages which the wise provisions of the law have placed within the reach of every child. The perpetuity of our free institutions both civil and religious, depend, in a large degree, upon the education and

intelligence of the masses. Deprive the next generation of all privileges of education, and what deplorable results would follow. We must make our education universal. As you prepare your children so are you preparing your sovereigns.

Let us therefore manifest a deeper and more general interest in our common schools, bearing in mind that a good education is a better safeguard for a nation's liberties than standing armies, or severe laws. To aid you in forming a correct opinion as to the condition and wants of our schools, you will have laid before you the report of the School Committee with their recommendations as to the future. And I hope and trust you will provide with a liberal hand the necessary funds, for carrying it on the coming year. Believing as I do that the education of the young is a subject of the greatest importance to all, and one that will receive the attention, I am sure, at your hands, which its great importance demands, I desire to co-operate with you to the full-est possible extent, in its advancement.

The Highway bills have been greatly enhanced by the unusual expense attendant upon breaking roads the past winter. The expenditures on highways and bridges for the last year have been \$6,543.74 and there are outstanding bills estimated at \$400—making a total of \$6,943.74. I think it will be found that the Street Commissioner expended the money entrusted to him judiciously, and that a due regard to economy was also observed in his department. I commend to your careful consideration the subject of paving, or otherwise improving the condition of Water Street. No considerable repairs have been made on this street for several years, and during the rainy season last year, as will be remembered by all, it was almost impassable through its whole length.

The last City Council selected a committee to investigate the subject of pavements and report what description of pavements it would be expedient for the city to have laid down on Water Street. For further particulars and information, I refer you to the report of the Committee, and also to the report of the Street Commissioner for information in regard to the condition of highways, streets, bridges and sidewalks, and the estimate for the wants of this highly important department for the current year.

The expenses of the Police department have been kept during the year, to the lowest sum consistent with the public safety. I have reason to believe from personal knowledge, that the City Marshal has discharged his duties with fidelity, and with all the success that could reasonably be expected with the force under his command.

The number of persons arrested for crime during the year, was 139,

of these 110 have been convicted and punished, 16 bound over to court and 13 discharged. It appears by the Marshal's report, that by far the greater number of the offences against the peace and safety of the community is chargeable to drunkenness and the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors. While the want and woe that is occasioned by the illegal traffic cannot be computed, it is also a burden upon us financially, as well as morally, and demands emphatic expression and action in regard to it. The Reform Club movement in our midst is most gratifying to the friends of good order, as well as of temperance. I rejoice to know that it has been successful in saving many from the curse of intemperance themselves, and may they become wherever they go, bright examples to others of the blessed effects of entire abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

There has been but a small difference in the expenditures of the Poor and Insane department between the past year and the prior one. The actual expenditures the past year for the support of the Poor and Insane of the city were \$2,538 being less by \$348.70 than for the year before. The city farm and alms house have been well managed the past year, by the superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Dow, and I am satisfied by careful inquiry, that the inmates under their charge are humanely treated. You will have laid before you the report of the overseers of that department which will be found to be very satisfactory. And I have no doubt, that, in the disbursement of the money entrusted to them, the utmost economy consistent with the dictates of humanity, has been observed by the Board of Overseers.

Chief Engineer Colson, reports the Fire Department to be in good order for instant and efficient service. We have fortunately had but few fires requiring the services of our firemen the past year. From the frequent report of destructive fires in other cities, we are almost daily warned of our exposure to the same calamity, and the fact that insurance companies have greatly increased their premiums, is significant of the importance of constant vigilance. Indeed, no department of the city requires a more efficient organization than this. To the men composing it, we must look at all times and all weather, when, ever the alarm of fire is given, for protection to life and property. From my acquaintance with the firemen the past year, I have reason to believe they have been faithful to their important trust, and always ready and willing to respond to the call of duty.

Of the Public Library there seems to be but little for me to say, except to express the opinion that it is in a prosperous condition, and I am gratified to know that the number of subscribers are constantly

increasing, and it is hardly necessary for me to urge the importance of an appropriation the same as last year.

Gentlemen : Having thus briefly and imperfectly endeavored to present to your notice some of the various interests of our city, allow me, in conclusion, to assure you that I shall be happy to co-operate with you in all proper measures calculated to advance the interests of our city and welfare of all our citizens. We are now ready to enter upon the discharge of the high and important trusts and duties of the coming year. Let us do so with a firm determination that no interest confided to our care shall suffer by reason of our carelessness or neglect.

D. C. PALMER.

Overseers' Report.

To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council :

The Overseers of the Poor beg leave to submit the following report :

DR.	
To amount paid for Almshouse expenses, Schedule A...	\$1,514 57
“ “ Outside “ Schedule B...	413 85
“ “ Insane Poor “ Schedule C...	599 96
“ “ Traveling Paupers.....	4 62
	\$2,533 00
Balance undrawn, March 1, 1873.....	1,126 50
	\$3,659 50
CR.	
By Balance undrawn and in hands of Overseers, March,	
1, 1872	\$1,189 58
Appropriation	2,000 00
Received from other towns.....	223 74
Hay &c., sold from Farm.....	106 54
Received on account of J. S. McCurdy..	17 89
Labor of horse and cart.....	121 75
	\$3,659 50

It will be seen by the above report that the expenses of the Poor and Insane are some \$300 less than last year. This is encouraging as the overseers have attended promptly to all calls of those in distress, and furnished the relief necessary. The expenditures are not large, when we take into consideration the hard, cold winter, the number employed in our manufactories, the destitution of many brought on by the easy access and free use of intoxicating liquors. The Almshouse has been under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dow, who have ever been faithful in the discharge of their duties. Dr. T. Hildreth, 2d, has promptly attended to all calls of the sick poor and has given good satisfaction.

The whole number of persons assisted by the overseers is 98. The

number now at the Almshouse is 9 as follows: John Mathews, aged 66; Orrin Dill, aged 35; Polly Tibbets, aged 88; Mary Thorpe aged 76; Mary Leeman, aged 73; Sally Copp, aged 56; Mary Wood, aged 35; M. B. Lunt, aged 32. Some of them are old and partially insane.

J. Y. Gray is at the Almshouse, supported by his friends at \$2 per week. The number assisted, away from the Almshouse, during the year are 90 persons. The overseers have endeavored to be as economical as possible in the management of the poor, and have the satisfaction of knowing that they have not been neglected by them.

A. G. DAVIS,	}	Overseers
STILLMAN LIBBY,		of
A. E. WING.		Poor & Insane.

Street Commissioner's Report.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council :

I herewith submit the following report, showing the expenditures in my department for municipal year ending March 1, 1873.

		Dr.
To paid for Labor.....		\$4,852 76
“ “ Lumber		1,280 05
“ “ Nails, &c.....		208 14
“ “ Blacksmith work.....		54 40
“ “ Wharfage, gravel.....		15 00
“ “ Drain pipe.....		59 05
“ “ Sundry small bills		34 54
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		\$6,543 74
	C R.	
By, Balance, March 1, 1872.....	\$229 29	
Appropriation	5,700 00	
Received for derrick.....	14 00	
Balance overdrawn.....	600 45	
	<hr/>	\$6,543 74
E. Dow, Street Commissioner.		
To Balance due March 1, 1872.....	\$5 32	
Mayor's warrants.....	\$6,500 00	
Use of derrick.....	14 00	
Balance due March 1, 1873.....	24 42	
	<hr/>	\$6,543 74
Outstanding bills March 1, 1873 about.....	\$400 00	
Overdrawn	600 45	
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Total.....	\$1,000 45	

The Highway Department has performed a large amount of labor the past year and our highways and streets were left, with but few exceptions, in the ordinary condition at the close of the autumn. The unusual frequency of rain storms in the summer and fall, and snow storms in the winter, has very much increased the expenditures and

has caused the appropriation to be overdrawn. The grist mill bridge and the bridge on Main Street have been new planked. Maple, Liberty, and a portion of Spring Street have been graded and graveled ready for a new concrete sidewalk. There has been expended quite a sum for an under drain to the road up "Tibbetts' Hill," Marston road. The bridge across the stream, corner of Water and Winter Streets, will have to be replanked. The sidewalk north side of Water Street will have to be rebuilt, graded, and edgestones set ready for a brick sidewalk. Mt. Vernon Street needs extensive repairs. Many of our sidewalks are in a dangerous condition, and will have to be taken up and graveled, ready for a concrete sidewalk. A large sum has been expended on sewerage on Water Street, and considerable new drain pipe laid. I would recommend an appropriation of \$6,000, for highways, bridges and sidewalks for the ensuing year.

Tools and property in my charge as follows: 5 snow plows, 2 cross bars, 6 scrapers, 1 cast iron plow, 6 shovels, 1 hand-saw, 2 cross-cut saws, 6 pickaxes, 1 narrow axe, 1 hand axe, 1 derrick, 1 granite roll, 1 ladle, 2 sieves, and about 150 gallons coal tar.

EDMUND DOW, *Street Commissioner.*

City Marshal's Report.

To the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council.

I herewith submit to you the following report for the municipal year ending Feb. 28th, 1873.

The whole number of cases commenced and tried in the Police Court, from March 1st, 1872, to Feb. 28th, 1873, is 139, and for the following causes :

Drunkenness, 55 ; committed, 11 ; discharged, 3 ; fined 41.

Assault and battery, 24—fined 19 ; discharged, 4 ; committed 1.

Surety of the peace, 6 ; ordered to recognize, 5 ; committed, 1 ; discharged, 1.

Search for liquors, 6.

Selling intoxicating liquors, 23—fined 20 ; discharged, 3.

Common seller, 1 ; discharged.

Sabbath breaking, 1—fined.

Disorderly house, 2 ; committed, 1.

Vagrancy, 1 ; committed.

Search for stolen goods, 3.

Receiving stolen goods, 1—fined.

Cheating by false pretence, 2 ; ordered to recognize.

Affray, 3—fined, 2 ; discharged, 1.

Fast driving, 4—fined, 4.

Cruelty to animals, 1—fined.

Larceny, 1—fined.

I have received \$10 for rent of City Hall ; for grass on common, \$6. There is \$30 uncollected rent for City Hall.

I have endeavored to be vigilant in trying to prevent violations of law, and in prosecuting all violations when sufficient testimony was produced to convict, and when, in my judgment, the public good demanded such prosecution. I think the good order of the city has greatly improved compared with former years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH SIPHERS, *City Marshal.*

School Committee's Report.

To the Hon. Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council :

In compliance with your regulations we herewith submit our annual report of the conditions and wants of the schools in the city of Gardiner, and such suggestions in regard to the efficiency and usefulness of these institutions as we deem advisable. The several schools have been regularly visited by your committee, and from the public examinations at the close of each term, and frequent visits at other times we have been able to determine understandingly, the efficiency of the teachers, the progress of the scholars in their studies, and observe the general discipline and the particular manner in which it has been carried out by the several teachers.

MODES OF GOVERNMENT.

No two persons are constituted wholly alike. Each one possesses qualities and temperaments peculiar to himself, hence we look for diversity rather than similarity in methods of government by different teachers. Nobody can ride another's hobby successfully, and that teacher who tries to govern her scholars on another's plan, not suited to her own peculiarities, will be sure to fail. There are many who attempt to teach, well informed in the theory of disciplinary schools, who can make no practical application of the best methods because they possess no elements of order in themselves. The old plan of governing by brute force is giving place to the better and more humane system of ruling by moral power. Controlling the pupil by his sense of honor rather than by the infliction of physical torture. We are more and more convinced that the best schools are those which are "eye governed"—swayed by the glance of the teacher's eyes, rather than the strength of his arms.

In a few instances during the past year our teachers have been deficient in this important qualification, and have failed in the management of their schools. In most cases, however, our instructors have been good disciplinarians, and the improvement of the scholars

in the various branches pursued has been satisfactory. Some peculiar excellence has been found in nearly every one of this class of schools. If these excellencies could be brought together in one school it would be better than any ever known. This we cannot hope wholly to accomplish ; yet this should be our aim. One teacher is analytical reducing everything to its simple element or component parts ; another is synthetical, or philosophic, drawing conclusions from known principles. One gives much attention to spelling and neglects the equally important branch of reading, of another the reverse is true. In one school great importance is attached to writing, drawing, and black-board exercises ; another pays more attention to propriety and elegance in deportment. In our judgment the *model school* is the one where each branch of study receives the attention which its importance demands, where nothing is neglected and nothing is made too prominent.

There is one fault in the management of schools, common to all, and which has caused considerable complaint on the part of those who reside in the vicinity of the school houses, a fault which is not confined to our city alone, namely : A lack of discipline when the children have their recesses, and before and after school. This difficulty may be obviated in part by greater watchfulness on the part of the teachers, but it cannot be wholly overcome while the scholars have no place but the public street for a play ground.

EXPENSES.

Where money is expended for public purposes it is always the duty of the public guardians to inquire and know if the money appropriated for any special object has been profitably and judiciously expended.

We regret that we have to report the expenditures of our department to be upwards of three hundred dollars in excess of the appropriation, but we have the satisfaction of feeling that even in this, cost and compensation have gone together. There are several reasons why we have of necessity exceeded the sum which your Committee of Finance at the beginning of the year recommended, and you set apart for our use ; a sum less by some eight hundred dollars than we asked for in our statement to the above named committee. Still we might, perhaps, with rigid economy, have kept within the prescribed limits had it not been for unexpected demands. The giving out of the furnaces in the Grammar School houses on Lincoln and High Streets, and the necessity of putting in new ones which did not enter into our estimate, cost us more than three hundred dollars, and the failure of

the party who contracted with the committee of the former year, to supply the wood for the year now past, to fulfil his engagement, together with the severity of the winter, and the difficulty of procuring fuel at all, have largely increased the expenses of this department.

It seems to us to be a mistaken policy to crowd down an appropriation for an object of so much importance as that of common schools to the minimum sum, with which they can possibly be run, so that exigencies like those of the past year, compel the committee to exceed their limits or dismiss the schools, which latter condition would be alike injurious to the scholars and discreditable to the city.

The report of the treasurer of this committee (Mr. Robinson) as exhibited in the Finance Report, shows the expenditure of the appropriation for schools in detail, and by examining it you will be able to ascertain what disposition has been made of the money placed in our hands.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

It is highly important that a sufficient sum of money should be set apart when the annual appropriations are made, to enable the School Committee to employ experienced teachers and supply the schools with everything necessary for their welfare and the best interests of the children to be educated. While we would not recommend a lavish expenditure of money for this purpose on the one hand, we would on the other utterly condemn a niggardly parsimony which would suffer dilapidated and uncomfortable school buildings to disgrace the city year after year, and compel the employing of second or third rate teachers.

Our opportunities for determining the wants of this department have been ample and we believe it is only necessary to place its need before you in a proper light, to insure the appropriation of the desired amount. We would recommend the sum of \$6,600 for the support of common schools for the ensuing year. Taking out the amount to be received from the State, \$1,618, there will be left \$4,982, to be raised by the city. This amount may be divided as follows: \$5,000 for paying teachers, and it will require nearly this sum to retain our present efficient ones and add others equally able where vacancies may occur. For repairs, \$1,000. Several of the houses need extensive repairs during the present season; especially is this true of the Grammar School houses on Lincoln and High Streets, and the Primary School house on Spring Street. Nearly all of them ought to be repainted and papered, and provided with suitable out buildings for the convenience of the pupils. It will require about \$350 for fuel and \$250 for incidentals. With this sum we think the schools of Gar-

diner may be made to take rank with those of our sister cities, and secure lasting benefits to the rising generation. No better policy can be devised to encourage the immigration of intelligent and enterprising men with their families into our city than to offer them the opportunities of educating their children in first-class schools, fostered and encouraged by an enlightened public sentiment and liberally provided with means for their support.

SUPERVISOR.

Your committee are of the opinion that the interests of our schools would be better subserved by employing one person to have special charge of the educational and prudential matters connected therewith, paying him sufficient salary to enable him to devote the most of his time to the business, thereby keeping all the schools under constant and watchful supervision. There should be an advisory board of three or more, after the manner of our present Directors of the High School, who should have voice in the selection of teachers, expenditure of money, change of books, &c. We heartily endorse what our State Superintendent says in his able report for the year 1871, on page 83, under the head of

"CITY SUPERVISION:"

"The experience of all our large towns and cities lends strength to the plan of individual inspection and the lodgment of executive authority in one or two individuals. Almost all the cities of 20,000 inhabitants and upwards in the northern States, while intrusting the control of the schools to a committee of three or more, have confided the administration of the school work proper to the skill, experience and activity of a single superintendent. Upon him rests the responsibility of carrying out after his own methods the plans agreed upon by the committee. Success or failure in the discharge of his duties, retains him in his office or dismisses him therefrom. And for this labor the city superintendent is generally well paid, the salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. In Maine, city supervision has not yet received the attention, consideration or remuneration that it deserves. Of the fourteen cities, Calais, Bangor and Lewiston are the only ones with recognized city superintendents. Calais pays a salary of \$500; Bangor, \$1,000; and Lewiston, \$2,000, and \$150 for horse and carriage; Auburn, Bath, Belfast and Rockland, empower one of the committee to act as superintendent, but with very small salaries. In general it may be said that the inspection of schools in the cities of Maine lacks thoroughness, unity of plan, definite purpose and compre-

hensive grasp. These deficiencies are the necessary attendants of poorly paid services. It is pleasant to add, however, that in most of these communities there exists a strong and growing feeling of the necessity of better school supervision, and that this department of school labor should be amply remunerated."

We hope that the interest of the City Council may be awakened in this matter, and such steps taken as shall result in a thorough supervision of our schools, that a new and beneficial impetus may be given to the cause of education in this city.

COMMENDATIONS.

It is gratifying to your committee to be able to report that most of the schools under their charge have been well taught during the past year; the teachers have manifested zeal and earnestness in their work and a desire for the moral and intellectual improvements of their pupils. We are satisfied that schools can be but little improved except through the improvement of the teachers; and that teacher who does not labor to this end is unfit for the position of instructor, and should seek at once another field of labor. One of the most curious phenomena observed in our schools is the positiveness on the part of some teachers that certain things are impracticable if not impossible, while perhaps in the next school the same things were satisfactorily accomplished. We have had teachers of primary schools apologize for the restlessness and disquiet of their pupils, on the ground of the inability of children of such tender years to keep still; while in another school of the same class we have found wholesome discipline governing everything from the time the pupils entered the school room until they left it; and their cheerful happy faces and general quietude indicated that a firm and gentle rule and a loving sympathy held every scholar in obedience, "with cords as strong as steel, yet light as air." Not a discipline of multiplied injunctions and blows for every breach of them—a government of force.

"Where the boding tumblers learn to trace
The day's disasters in their mistress' face."

We wish to call especial attention to a few of our schools which are deserving of more than a passing notice, and whose teachers are worthy of a just tribute of praise. Lowest in rank yet highest in importance are our

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

where the foundation is laid whereon the educational structure of each individual scholar must be built by the teachers of the higher grades of schools. It is a well established principle in architecture

that if the foundation is faulty the whole edifice is weakened and endangered thereby, and in a higher sense is this true of those mental processes which we call education. It is not unusual that the work which should have been done in the Primary department has to be gone over in the Grammar schools, because some incompetent teacher has failed to thoroughly prepare her pupils in the necessary branches ; thus a whole class is retarded—and often times those who are deficient in the start become discouraged or are embarrassed throughout their whole course.

The president of one of the principal Universities in this country, expresses his opinion on this point in the following emphatic language : ‘ The two things most wanted by the scholars of this country are thoroughness in the rudiments and a high standard of excellence. These must be acquired in the preparatory schools. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, those who graduate among the highest in the class, entered among the highest in the class. Here and there one may drop down, but it is because he is unfaithful, and his unfaithfulness, if his preparation had been less perfect, would have made his college life still more discreditable. A great majority of those who lose their interest and ambition in college studies, are among the poorly fitted who are discouraged by their want of success in the beginning.” And the same is true in a less marked degree of the pupils in our Grammar schools.

While we would make no invidious comparisons, we feel that we can justly commend the schools taught by **Mrs. H. A. TAYLOR** and **Miss ELLA J. MORSE**. While we do not claim perfection for either, we do claim more points of excellence than are usually found in schools of this class, and we proudly offer them as models for others to imitate. **Mrs. TAYLOR** has taught her present school for seven successive years with unabated interest and zeal, sending out as many well fitted classes for the Grammar school. **Miss MORSE** has taught her school but four terms, but her fitness for the position is very apparent. Of others who have held the same position during the year, we may mention **Miss HANNAH N. BURR** and **Miss KATE FLITNER** whose schools are worthy of high commendation. But these as well as others who have devoted their best energies to the educational interests of the city, doubtless prefer to be “known by their fruits,” rather than to be spoken of in the hackneyed terms of official compliment. Our three

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

have all been well taught and disciplined and hold high rank with schools of their class in other cities. The several teachers should be

retained by all means. Their abilities and fitness would command them situations far more advantageous than those they now fill; and doubtless these pecuniary inducements would have influenced them away ere this, had not a strong attachment for their schools and an earnest desire for their success restrained them. Both Principals and Assistants, by their long tried and successful management of their respective classes, have proved their efficiency beyond a question.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

has attained a higher standard of excellence during the past year than at any other time since its organization. It was feared that the resignation of Miss HODGKINS (who had for several years held the position of first Assistant) during the spring term, would result disastrously to the school, but we were fortunate enough to secure at once the services of Mrs. JOSE, and no break was made in the recitations or discipline in her department. We feel that we have such a High school now as the citizens of Gardiner may be justly proud of; creditable alike to their liberality and general intelligence. The building is an ornament to the city, and the present efficient and successful corps of teachers a sufficient guaranty that the objects of the institution will be accomplished, and our children thoroughly educated in the higher branches and fitted by well disciplined minds, to adorn the social circle and act well their part in the great drama of life. A valuable chemical and philosophical apparatus has been purchased for the use of the school during the year, and a new impetus thereby given to the study of these important sciences. We bespeak a generous support for this school in the future that our young men and women may be placed on the same educational plane as those of our sister cities. We shall be entitled to \$500 from the State under the act of the last Legislature, giving that amount to each town that expends an equal sum to support a High school within their limits. In addition to this sum there should be appropriated for the use of the High school the sum of \$2,200, to enable the Directors to retain the present teachers, and procure such things as are necessary for the best good of all the pupils.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

These schools are in the sparsely populated districts of the city and the number of scholars attending the five schools is less than that of one of our Grammar schools, yet it is just as important that these few should have the opportunities of acquiring an education as the many. We have, therefore, during the past year, given these schools three terms of ten weeks each at an additional cost of about \$250, and we earnestly recommend that this plan may be continued, secur-

ing for them the best teachers that circumstances will allow. Of those who have been employed as teachers in these schools during the past year we would especially commend Miss JOSIE M. WARE, and Miss E. A. SPRAGUE as energetic and practical teachers who were evidently interested in the work they had to do.

MUSIC.

Last year your committee spoke at some length on the subject of teaching music in our public schools. We still believe in the utility of this branch of education in connection with these institutions. We employed Mrs. STEVENS to give two lessons per week in each of the Grammar schools, paying her a salary of \$100 per year therefor, and we are satisfied that this money was as well expended as any other portion of the school appropriation. We are aware of the popular objection against this and all measures of a similar nature proposed in connection with our schools. They tend, it is said, to preoccupy and engross the minds of the pupils, to the exclusion of more practical things. In fact, it has been asserted that a high degree of proficiency in music is inconsistent with an excellent standard of scholarship. This we say is a common and popular objection; but like many other popular and traditionary sayings, we believe it has been too readily taken for granted, without due inquiry as to whether the assertion be founded in the truth. A distinguished scholar in Boston at one of the school choral festivals of that city in speaking on this point said: "In my own school experiences I remember that many of those who were skilled in music and largely devoted to the practice of it were also the first in rank on the merit roll. And I appeal to the worthy and efficient Superintendent of the Boston schools with whom I had the honor to be associated as a classmate in college, as to whether his recollections do not tally with mine in this particular. The predominance of medal and diploma scholars in these choral ranks is sufficient refutation of the error as regards our Boston schools."

In reply to the question, "*Will it pay?*" in the same address he thus pertinently answers it: "But what, I would ask, in answer to this inquiry, is the end and object of education? Is it to develop the intellectual part of our natures *only*—the *working* faculties merely, to the neglect of the moral and physical, leaving the emotions and affections to run riot or take care of themselves as best they may? Would this be rational—would it be philosophical in this our land and in our day? Consider for a moment the spirit and tendencies of our country and the characteristics of its people—a toiling, speculating, money-getting, fast living, excitable race—wearing themselves out with labor or with thought, reckless and impatient always. Was there ever a nation

more requiring the amenities of life, more needing an infusion of the asthetic among the harsh and discordant elements of their composition?" Story, in his appropriate ode of the inauguration of the statue of Beethoven, well expressed this idea when he said :

"Never is a Nation finished, while it wants the grace of Art ;
Use must borrow robes from beauty ; life must rise above the mart ;
Here, as yet, in our Republic, in the furrows of our soil.
Slowly grow Art's timid blossoms, 'neath the heavy foot of toil ;
Spurn it not, but spare it—nurse it till it gladdens all the land."

Shall we pause, then, or retrograde in this movement which has introduced and recognized music in our schools? We do not believe it, but look rather to the time when it shall be taught in all of the schools of the city as an essential qualification to a finished education.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

As we have said in a former part of this report, many of our school houses are in need of extensive repairs, especially the Grammar school buildings on High and Lincoln Streets. But we are of the opinion that only temporary repairs should be made upon these buildings, and that the interests of these schools and the reputation of the city at home and abroad, require the erection of new houses with modern appliances for the use and benefit of the children to be educated in the future.

There are many points of interest in connection with our schools, which we would gladly discuss in this report had we not already extended it too far. We have endeavored to make this report as practical as possible, presenting only such topics as seem most worthy of present consideration. If we could have taken more time for its preparation, it should have the merit of greater brevity. With the expression of grateful appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown us during our official connection with the schools of this city, by all the teachers, and commending these schools with their far-reaching and momentous interests, to the kind Providence which has so signally blessed them in the past, to the continued fostering care of their appointed guardians, and to the liberal support of all the citizens, we close this report with a

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Whole number of schools in city.....	16
High School.....	1
Grammar Schools.....	3
Primary Schools.....	7
Rural Schools.....	5
Whole number of teachers employed.....	20

In High School.....	8
“ Grammar Schools.....	5
“ Primary Schools.....	7
“ Rural Schools.....	5
Whole number of scholars registered.....	
In High School.....	
“ Grammar Schools.....	248
“ Primary Schools.....	426
“ Rural Schools.....	105
Average attendance in all the schools.....	
In High School.....	
“ Grammar Schools.....	210
“ Primary Schools.....	344
“ Rural Schools.....	84
Amount paid for teaching in city.....	\$6,645 55
In High School.....	\$2,045 55
“ Grammar Schools.....	1,850 00
“ Primary Schools.....	1,800 00
“ Rural Schools.....	950 00

STATISTICS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Three Terms of Twelve Weeks Each.

PRINCIPAL TEACHER.

WESTON LEWIS, 3 terms, wages.....	\$1,133 33
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ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

Miss MARY E. HODGKINS, 5 weeks, wages.....	83 30
Mrs. H. E. JOSE, 2 terms and 7 weeks, wages.....	516 62
Miss ELLA BERRY, 1 term, wages.....	100 00
“ H. A. HATCH.....	233 33
Whole number of scholars, Spring Term.....	85
Average number.....	74
Whole number, Fall Term.....	94
Average number.....	87
Whole number, Winter Term.....	90
Average number.....	81

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Three Terms of Twelve Weeks Each.

LINCOLN STREET.

Miss ELLEN SAWYER, Principal, wages.....	\$500 00
“ H. A. HATCH, Assistant 1 term, wages.....	100 00
“ A. M. FLITNER “ 2 “ “	200 00
Whole number of scholars, Spring Term.....	100

Average number.....	91
Whole number, Fall Term.....	96
Average number.....	89
Whole number, Winter Term.....	112
Average number.....	95

HIGH STREET.

Miss SUSAN A. SAWYER, Principal, wages	\$450 00
“ JENNIE R. SMITH, Assistant, “	300 00
Whole number in school, Spring Street.....	95
Average number.....	90
Whole number, Fall Term.....	92
Average number.....	84
Whole number, Winter Term.....	110
Average number.....	90

NEW MILLS.

Miss ALICE W. PEASLEE, teacher, wages.....	\$300 00
Whole number in school, Spring Term.....	25
Average number.....	23
Whole number, Fall Term.....	26
Average number.....	25
Whole number, Winter Term.....	25
Average number.....	21

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Three Terms of Twelve Weeks Each.

WINTER STREET.

Miss H. A. TAYLOR, teacher, wages.....	\$300 00
Whole number, Spring Term	72
Average number.....	59
Whole number, Fall Term.....	75
Average number.....	63
Whole number, Winter Term.....	78
Average number.....	65

SPRING STREET.

DORA M. MORRELL, teacher, wages.....	\$225 00
Whole number, Spring Term.....	70
Average number.....	54
Whole number, Fall Term.....	56
Average number.....	50
Whole number, Winter Term.....	59
Average number.....	44

WINTER, CORNER SUMMER STREET.

Miss A. M. FLITNER, teacher 1 term, wages	\$100 00
Miss ELLA A. BERRY " 2 " "	200 00
Whole number, Spring Term	53
Average number	44
Whole number, Fall Term	60
Average number	47
Whole number, Winter Term	55
Average number	42

NEAL STREET.

Miss MARGARET A. E. WADSWORTH, teacher, wages	\$225 00
Whole number, Spring Term	68
Average number	55
Whole number, Fall Term	58
Average number	48
Whole number, Winter Term	66
Average number	48

DRESDEN STREET.

Miss ELLA J. MORSE, teacher, wages	\$300 00
Whole number, Spring Term	60
Average number	50
Whole number, Fall Term	59
Average number	53
Whole number, Winter Term	49
Average number	38

MAPLE STREET

Miss HANNAH N. BURR, teacher, wages	\$225 00
Whole number, Spring Term	46
Average number	37
Whole number, Fall Term	41
Average number	33
Whole number, Winter Term	34
Average number	27

NEW MILLS.

Miss KATE FLITNER, teacher, wages	\$225 00
Whole number, Spring Term	44
Average number	37
Whole number, Fall Term	36
Average number	27
Whole number, Winter Term	40
Average number	34

RURAL SCHOOLS.

Three Terms of Ten Weeks Each.

Miss SILVIA J. SIPHERS, teacher, wages.....	\$187 50
Whole number Spring Term.....	18
Average number.....	13
Whole number Fall Term.....	19
Average number.....	15
Whole number Winter Term.....	19
Average number.....	14

LIBBY HILL.

Miss JOSIE M. WARE, 2 terms.....	\$125 00
Miss LOUISA WHITE, 1 term	62 50
Whole number Spring Term.....	20
Average number.....	15
Whole number Fall Term.....	18
Average number.....	13
Whole number Winter Term.....	19
Average number.....	14

FLAGSTAFF.

Miss HARRIET BURNHAM, teacher, 2 terms, wages.....	\$125 00
Mr. CHARLES NORTON, " 1 term "	75 00
Whole number Spring Term.....	17
Average number.....	13
Whole number Fall Term.....	16
Average number.....	14
Whole number Winter Term.....	18
Average number.....	14

CHARLES LAWRENCE ROAD.

Miss E. A. SPRAGUE, teacher, 2 terms, wages.....	\$125 00
Miss MARY GRAY, " 7 weeks, "	43 75
Miss LIZZIE FULLER, " 3 " "	18 75
Whole number Spring Term.....	21
Average number.....	15
Whole number Fall Term.....	22
Average number.....	19
Whole number Winter Term.....	20
Average number.....	15

CAPEN ROAD.

Miss IDA M. WILLEY, 1 term, wages.....	\$62 50
Miss ANNA L. BERRY, " " "	62 50
Miss E. A. SPRAGUE, " " "	62 50
Whole number Spring term.....	26

Average number.....	14
Whole number Fall Term.....	20
Average number.....	15
Whole number Winter Term.....	24
Average number.....	21

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. LARRABEE,	}	<i>School Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Gardiner.</i>
M. C. WADSWORTH,		
EDWARD ROBINSON.		

Public Library.

To the City Council:

In the spring of 1871, two years ago, the City Government established our Public Library, and the Mechanics' Association feeling that the usefulness of this institution could be greatly increased by throwing it open to all, gave their Library to the city with the single reservation that should the city ever fail to carry out the provisions of the vote of acceptance, that the Library should revert to its former owners. As the statute then stood the City Government was authorized to appropriate for the establishment of a Public Library 50 cents for each ratable poll or about \$500 in our city, and after the first year 25 cents per poll annually for its increase and support. Since then the law has been so amended as to permit an annual appropriation of \$500. The Mechanics' Library, when presented, contained about 1,850 volumes. The Public Library has now 2,435 volumes.

According to the Treasurer's report,	
There is standing to the credit of the Library on the city books about.....	\$262 00
There are outstanding bills for books purchased	\$181 22
Catalogue now being printed.....	150 00
Due on Librarian's salary and other small bills about.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$356 22

Leaving a balance of nearly \$100 to be paid out of this year's appropriation.

Whole number of subscribers Jan. 1, 1872 about 200. At this time, March 1, 1873, the whole number is 350.

The number of books taken out on the days the Library is opened will average 120; making a total of books taken from the Library for the past year of 12,480. Number of volumes added to the Library since Jan. 1, 1872, 585.

The subscription of 50 cents per year is so small that it cannot

deter any one who is anxious to enjoy its privileges, and yet it is a very material help to its well being and usefulness. Freedom is rapidly spreading in all portions of the world, and to avail ourselves of its blessings, education must spread with it. We take it that all will readily admit that the formation of good Libraries, freely accessible to all, constitute a valuable means of diffusing knowledge. Experience proves that if books provided are well chosen, they will be eagerly sought after and read.

Many people bring up as an objection to the Public Library that it is frequented principally by the young who read nothing and seek for nothing but novels. Our Library, for one of its size, has not a large number of novels. We have but little over 41 per cent. of all classes of works of fiction. Undoubtedly the indiscriminate reading of fiction and the morbid appetite for sensational stories engendered thereby are evil, but will not all thoughtful men allow that the reading of the works of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Lytton, Trollope, Charlotte Bronte and George Elliot and many, many others, must awaken and elevate every mind that can appreciate their excellencies, and we certainly think that it would be a great blessing to our city if the young men who spend their evenings at the saloons and grog shops would employ a part of their leisure hours in the perusal of the works of such authors.

Mr. Gladstone said, "Amusement is only a change of employment." When the day's work is done our young men feel the need of some relaxation; let them be led to seek that relaxation in the exercise of their higher faculties, and not the lower as is too often the case. Encourage them to read and study by placing within their reach an ample store of well selected books. Teach them to look forward to their leisure moments as opportunities for self-education and self-improvement and not as chances to steal away to the haunts of vice there to wrangle and bet with corrupting comrades over the whiskey bottle.

If the Public Library is properly sustained and encouraged by our citizens, and all classes will join together and help it on, it must and will be an immense power in assisting in the mental improvement of the community. Through the agency of free Libraries in other places, a great educational work is being carried on; a work that must in time tell on the general intelligence and culture of our town populations. Why shall we not be of those to profit by this?

Mr. Carlyle says: "In Books lies the soul of the whole past time; the articulate, audible voice of the past, when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream. The Universities are a notable, respectable product of the modern ages. Their

existence, too, is modified to the very basis of it by the existence of books. Universities arose while there were yet no books procurable ; while a man for a single book had to give an estate of land. Once invent printing, you metamorphosed all the Universities or superceded them. The teacher need not now to gather men personally around him that he might speak to them what he knew ; print it in a book, and all learners, far and wide, for a trifle, had it each at his own fire-side much more effectually to learn it. If we think of it, all that a University or final highest school can do for us, is still but what the first school began doing—teach us to read. We learn to read in various languages, in various sciences ; we learn the alphabet and letters of all manners of books. But the place where we are to get knowledge, is the books themselves. It depends upon what we read after all manner of Professors have done their best for us. The true University of these days is a collection of books.”

JOSHUA GRAY, JOHN BERRY, JOHN T. RICHARDS, H. K. MORRELL.	}	<i>Directors of Public Library.</i>
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City Physician's Report.

To the City Council :

The undersigned City Physician very respectfully submits the following report.

The general health of the paupers of the city, including those at the Almshouse has been much better than usual. During the past year the number of inmates at the Almshouse has been at times as low as eight, a smaller number than heretofore. Perfect order and neatness has always prevailed in and about the house. The whole number of persons requiring medical treatment at the Almshouse has been four, one of whom suffering from chronic bronchitis, died.

The number of persons requiring medical attendance out of Almshouse has been eight, one of these suffering from confluent small-pox, died Dec. 24. The disease was probably contracted in Boston, and owing to the very great prevalence of small-pox, by some epidemic influence in different parts of the country, people living in the vicinity of this case were somewhat alarmed, and those living farther off more so. Not having any pest house in the city it was deemed best to isolate the case as much as possible where it was, and rely upon the prophylaxy of vaccination, to prevent the spread of this most loathsome disease.

The City Marshal, fearless in the discharge of his duties, shut the house up with all the inmates in it, viz ; three sisters and a brother of the unfortunate girl. He also called daily and furnished whatever they required. Gratuitous vaccination and revaccination was recommended to the Mayor, and the assurance given that in no case in the experience of the City Physician, had revaccination ever failed to protect the person from both small-pox and varioloid. The Mayor, in earnest to do all in his power to protect the people from this grave disease, instructed the City Physician to vaccinate and revaccinate all requesting the same. The three sisters and brother of Miss Montague were revaccinated, all of which were successful revaccinations, and although they stayed with their sister, waiting upon her

night and day until she died, they all escaped varioloid ; while one of the neighbors unprotected by revaccination, and with no exposure, save passing the house, contracted varioloid. Six hundred and twenty applicants were gratuitously vaccinated by the City Physician.

More than half of all the cases of revaccination were successful, showing a much greater susceptibility to the vaccine disease than usual. In no case in the city has any constitutional or local disease, other than the vaccine disease, resulted from vaccination, indicating that the fears of the people of conveying disease from one person to another by vaccination are groundless.

T. HILDRETH, *City Physician.*

Chief Engineer's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Gardiner :

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully present the following report of the Gardiner Fire Department for the year ending March 20th, 1873.

There has been the following fires the past year :

April 10th, dwelling house owned and occupied by William Merrill, situated on Spring Street. Loss \$300, insured \$120.

May 21st, at Stanwood & Tower's Paper Mill. Loss \$2,500, insured \$1,800.

July 27th, Post Office building, owned and occupied by John Berry as Postmaster, and Larrabee & Libby, merchants. Loss ——— insured ———.

At the above fires both engines were worked, and also the Hecla of Pittston. I feel that the Hecla Company deserve the sincere thanks of the citizens of Gardiner for the timely and very efficient services rendered on the above occasions. The city Force Pump did first-rate execution at the Post Office fire. The Force Pump is supplied with 1,000 feet of rubber lined hose and is now in perfect order. Both hand engines have been thoroughly repaired the past season and are now as efficient as when they were purchased. I would recommend that 250 feet of hose be furnished each engine. This I think will be all the outlay needed the present season except the natural wear.

WASHINGTON ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4.

OFFICERS.

J. L. PEACOCK, First Director.
D. M. STEVENS, Second "
J. ROBINSON, Third "
O. P. PHILBRICK, Steward.
A. B. ANDREWS, Clerk.

MEMBERS.

J. A. Bassett.
 F. Booker.
 P. Cregan.
 J. Cregan.
 Wm. Cook.
 Albert Dudley.
 Aaron Dudley.
 Ambrose Dudley.
 Myrick Dudley.
 S. W. Dana.
 J. A. Goodwin.
 W. Huntington.
 C. F. Lunt.
 W. H. Oliver.
 G. A. Oliver.
 Wm. Peacock.
 J. R. Peacock.
 A. T. Neal.
 W. W. Neal.
 Wm. Rogers.
 N. Ridley.
 C. M. Stevens.

A. S. Robinson.
 J. H. Swift.
 J. Swift.
 Sam Stevens.
 S. Stevens.
 E. Trafton.
 R. W. Williams.
 C. H. Williams.
 C. Harriman.
 Wm. Whitney.
 J. Walker.
 L. Knox.
 M. Tyler.
 J. Lunt.
 J. Gove.
 G. Lunt.
 J. Boaler.
 J. E. Newell.
 L. F. Talbot.
 G. Babb.
 T. Page.

GARDINER, March 27th, 1873.

FIRE KING ENGINE COMPANY NO. 3.

OFFICERS.

THOMAS P. JORDAN, Foreman.
 G. W. STEVENS, 1st Assistant
 J. B. DILL, 2d Assistant.
 S. A. WAKEFIELD, Clerk.
 B. F. GOODWIN, Steward,

MEMBERS.

H. A. Fall.
 Isaiah Jordan.
 Frank Huntington.
 John Kendall.
 J. W. Waterhouse.
 S. N. Hinkley.
 O. D. Jaquith.
 Charles Kirk.
 L. S. Rines.
 R. A. Armstrong.
 E. B. Hinkley.
 George Merrill.
 S. H. Hutchinson.
 C. E. Wakefield.
 G. A. Morrison.
 Stillman Gray.
 George Wakefield.
 Thomas Page.

Fred Troop.
 Marcellus Dorr.
 Charles Welch.
 Robert Brown.
 Fred Page.
 Frank Blaisdell.
 James Curtis.
 George Page.
 Charles Jackings.
 Fred Sawyer.
 G. Crummit.
 Clarence Hinkley.
 Fred B. Goodwin.
 Charles Douglass.
 G. Church.
 William Ashton.
 Fred Lawrence.

FORCE PUMP, LOCATED UNDER THE GRIST MILL.

DAVID POTTER, in charge of the engine.

HOSEMEN.

ANDREW HUTCHINS, Foreman.

Gideon Bowley.

Fred Smith.

Fred Hutchins.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. COLSON, *Chief Engineer.*

City Solicitor's Report.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council :

One year ago I reported that there were no suits pending against the city, and none have been commenced during the year just closed. There have been some few demands made for damages on account of claimed accidents on our streets, but none upon which the claimants have dared to risk a suit as yet.

Fortunately, whether providentially or by good management, the city has had no costs to pay during the year, and the solicitor, as solicitor, has had but little to do, and therefore but little about which to report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BENJAMIN, *City Solicitor.*

City Government, 1873-4.

HON. D. C. PALMER, MAYOR.

Aldermen.

WARD 1—ELBRIDGE BERRY.

“ 2—I. N. TUCKER.

“ 3—WM. PALMER.

“ 4—S. W. SIPHERS.

“ 5—J. B. DINGLEY.

“ 6—EBEN LIBBY.

Councilmen.

WARD 1.

Wm. H. Curtis,
Richard Blaisdell,
Wm. Day.

WARD 2.

H. M. Wentworth,
Gustavus Moore,
Charles Dearing,

WARD 3.

A. E. Wing,
C. A. White,
Alonzo Parsons.

WARD 4.

Bernard Esmond,
A. S. Pease,
A. K. P. Merchant.

WARD 5.

I. G. Vannah,
E. W. Atwood,
Edward Robinson.

WARD 6.

Thos. Jackins,
D. J. Libby,
Hugh Smith.

A. G. DAVIS.

City Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

CHARLES O. WADSWORTH.

Clerk of the Common Council.

Joint Standing Committees.

ON FINANCE.

Messrs. Palmer, Dingley, }	Aldermen.	Messrs. White, Wing, Wentworth. }	Councilmen.
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ON LAYING OUT NEW STREETS AND ASSESSING DAMAGES THEREFOR.

Messrs. Tucker, Siphers, }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Day, Jackins, White. }	Councilmen.
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ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Messrs. Berry, Dingley. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Wentworth, Vannah, Robinson. }	Councilmen.
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ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Palmer, Libby. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Robinson, Dearing, Smith. }	Councilmen.
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ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Messrs. Dingley, Libby. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Parsons, Libby, Merchant. }	Councilmen.
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ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Tucker, Dingley. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Vannah, Pease, Curtis. }	Councilmen.
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ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Messrs. Siphers, Berry. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Atwood, Day, Wing. }	Councilmen.
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ON POOR DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Libby, Siphers. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Esmond, Parsons, Merchant. }	Councilmen.
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ON ENGROSSED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Tucker, Palmer. }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Atwood, Blaisdell, Jackins. }	Councilmen.
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ON PRINTING.

Messrs. Dingley, Berry, }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Pease, Dearing, Esmond. }	Councilmen.
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ON BURYING GROUNDS.

Messrs. Berry, Libby, }	Aldermen.	Messrs. Blaisdell, Curtis, Smith. }	Councilmen.
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ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

A. G. Davis,
Elbridge Berry,

Eben Libby.

CITY MARSHAL.

Jos. Siphers.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

A. M. Jackson.

CITY TREASURER.

S. Bowman.

CITY SOLICITOR.

W. Benjamin.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

Edmund Dow.

CITY COLLECTOR.

Jos. Siphers.

CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

M. S. Wadsworth.

SECOND ENGINEER.

A. E. Andrews.

THIRD ENGINEER.

E. H. Flynt.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

F. Lawrence,

Wm. H. Moore,

A. E. Wing,

G. M. Cunningham,

S. N. Maxcy,

J. H. Lawrence.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. M. Jackson,

Rev. W. S. Jones,

Elbridge Berry.

DIRECTORS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Rev. A. L. Park,

Maj. J. T. Richards,

Rev. W. W. Nutting.

DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

James Nash.

TREANT COMMITTEE.

Jas. M. Colson,

Jas. H. Bailey,

B. A. Neal,

Wm. Peacock,

Geo. M. Wentworth,

Lincoln Perry,

Freeman Williams.

HARBOR MASTER.

Wm. R. Gay,

POUND KEEPER.

Edmund Dow.

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS.

Jas. Williams,

F. B. Curtis,

A. Troop,

~~Wm. Raymond,~~

C. J. Smith,

F. Williams,

J. Siphers,

Simon Peacock,

Samuel Curtis,

S. W. Siphers,

Augustus Hopkins,

F. B. Harmon,

Wm. Peacock,

W. R. Wharff.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Philip Winslow,

~~George W. Beale,~~

J. A. Berry,

Martin Chamberlain,

E. Berry,

S. W. Tarbox,

Stillman Libby,
John Stone,
J. R. Lincoln,

S. S. Davis,
S. N. Maxcy.

WEIGHER OF BEEF.

Amasa S. Ring,

WEIGHER AND GUAGER.

David Dennis.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

J. A. Berry,
Benj. Jordan,
D. C. Palmer,
Fred A. Berry,
S. S. Davis,
Fred. Baxter,
N. T. Goodwin,
George Gray,
Charles B. Clapp,

H. A. Gray,
E. Berry,
Joshua Gray,
Sherburne Lawrence,
R. T. Hayes,
I. W. Woodward,
Daniel Gray,
George H. Ray.

MEASURERS OF LOGS.

Arthur Berry,
Daniel Gray,
Joshua Gray,
I. W. Woodward,

D. C. Palmer,
Benj. Jordan,
Sherburne Lawrence.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF BURYING GROUNDS.

S. W. Townsend,
Sherburne Lawrence,

Eben Libby.

MEASURERS OF STONE.

Sullivan Washburne,
I. W. Woodward,

Thaddeus Hildreth.

WEIGHERS OF HAY.

G. M. Holmes,
John Stone,
Fuller Dingley,

David Dennis,
L. F. Hodge,
B. U. Dill.

INSPECTOR OF LEATHER.

Myrick Hopkins,

CITY BELL RINGER.

Cyrus Anne.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

S. W. Tarbox.

CITY CRIER.

J. S. Buker.



CITY OF GARDINER.

Auditor's Report,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1872-73,

Comparative Taxable Valuation.

Amount of real estate, 1872.....	\$1,451,782
“ “ 1871.....	1,333,687
Gain.....	\$118,095
Amount of personal estate for 1871.....	\$918,473
“ “ “ 1872.....	910,722
Loss on personal estate.....	7,751
Total gain on valuation for 1872.....	\$110,344
Rate of taxation 1871, 2 per cent., for 1872, 1 9-10 per cent.	
Number of Polls 1872, 980, in 1871, 922. Increase of Polls 1872, 58	
Dogs taxed in 1872, 140.	

James M. Larrabee, Collector and Treasurer, 1864-68.

	Dr.
To Balance March 1, 1871.....	\$1,722 55
Paid Adv'g non-res. tax, previously paid Larrabee...	1 62
Joseph Siphers for collecting taxes.....	25 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$1,749 17

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,749 17
	CR.
By Balance taxes collected by Siphers.....	\$9 57
Cash of Capt. Colburn for taxes.....	150 00
Balance unadjusted.....	1,579 60
	<u>\$1,749 17</u>

N. B. This balance is composed in part of taxes uncollected and unabated, the amount of which I have no means of determining.

Statement of amount received on account of J. M. Larrabee, late Treasurer and Collector, and how disposed of.

Amount received of Mr. Larrabee.....	\$12,324 07
“ his bondsmen.....	3,800 00
“ Mr. Siphers.....	379 49
“ Capt. Colburn.....	150 00
	<u>\$16,653 56</u>

Of this there has been transferred as follows :

To abatements.....	\$1,000 00
Interest.....	1,775 00
Fire Department.....	800 00
Poor and Insane.....	459 65
Salaries.....	550 00
State Tax.....	8,625 90
High School House.....	3,000 00
Balance unappropriated.....	443 01
	<u>\$16,653 56</u>

H. B. Hoskins, Treasurer 1872 3.

	DR.
To Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$321 07
Cash of L. Perry collector, March 3, 1872.....	1,500 00
“ “ “ “ “ 7, “	1,000 00
“ “ J. Webb for license “ 25, “	4 50
“ for use of City Hall “ 25, “	6 00
“ Pierce for rent “ 25, “	6 25
	<u>2,837 82</u>

CR.

By Paid warrant No. 159 dated Feb. 26, 1872.....	\$43 55
Paid warrant No. 1 to 7th, inclusive, viz :	
Police.....	135 95
Evening School.....	50 00
Grammar and Primary schools	1,200 00
High School.....	500 00
Fire Department.....	25 30
	<u>1,954 80</u>

Amounts carried forward..... \$2,837 82

Amounts brought forward.....	\$1,954 80	\$2,837 82
Coupon No. 12 due Oct. 1, 1871....	21 00	
Stationery.....	50	
S. Bowman, Treas.	861 52	
		<u>\$2,837 82</u>

S. Bowman, Treasurer, 1872-3.

1872.		Dr.
March 28,	To received from H. B. Hoskins, Treas.....	\$861 52
April 15,	Received from L. Perry, Collector.....	1,000 00
" 19,	Proceeds of note, discounted at O. N. Bank	2,000 00
May 14,	" " " "	2,000 00
June 5,	Interest on A. E. Clary's note for \$500.00	
	July 1st, 1870 to Nov. 21st, 1871....	41 37
" 5,	Interest on A. E. Clary's note for \$150.00	
	Nov. 21st, 1871 to June 5th, 1872....	6 24
" 5,	Balance of A. E. Clary's note for \$500.00..	150 00
" 19,	Proceeds of note, discounted at O. N. Bank	3,000 00
Oct. 7,	A. E. Clary's note paid.....	300 00
" 7,	Interest on same.....	43 63
1873.		
Feb. 7,	Received of State of Maine, School Mill Tax	
	for 1873.....	1,207 88
Feb. 7,	Received of State of Maine, State Pensions	276 00
" 19,	Rent of A. M. Smith, from April 1st, 1870	
	to April 1st, 1872, \$60 less \$10 for re-	
	pairs.....	50 00
" 27,	2,000, City of Gardiner Bonds, sold.....	2,000 00
" "	Received of State of Maine for Tax on Sav-	
	ings Banks.....	410 55
" "	Received of Hon. D. C. Palmer, for Hose	
	sold by J. M. Colson.....	21 15
" "	Rent received of A. S. Jordan from March	
	19th 1872, to Dec. 19th, 1872.....	45 00
" "	Received of Geo. H. Ray for license.....	132 00
" "	Received of Mrs. Heath, Public Library..	178 00
" "	Received of B. Esmond, for gravel sold....	87 10
" "	Received of N. B. Norton, liquor agent....	200 00
" "	Received of J. Siphers, collector.....	25,664 96
March 1,	Balance.....	356 49
		<u>\$40,031 89</u>

1872.		Cr.
July 5,	By paid Dorcas P. Gay interest to	
	Oct. 1st, 1872.....	\$60 00
Aug. 7,	" Note to O. N. Bank.....	3,000 00
Amounts carried forward.....	\$3,060 00	\$40,031 89

Amounts brought forward.....	\$3,060 00	\$40,031 89
Aug. 7. By Paid 2 months & 3 days int..	38 40	
“ 7, “ Note to O. N. Bank.....	2000 00	
“ 7, “ 4 months & 3 days int....	50 00	
Sept 16, “ Note to O. N. Bank.....	2,000 00	
“ “ 4 months & 3 days int...	50 00	
Sept 18, “ Int. to D. G. C. Trott to Oct. 16th, 1872.....	60 00	
1873.		
Jan. 9, “ State Pensions.....	276 00	
March 1, “ Mayor's warrants for high- ways	6,500 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for con- tingent	3,099 32	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for G. & P. Schools.....	5,650 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for High School.....	2,449 60	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Poor & Insane.....	2,100 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Police	1,631 19	
“ “ “ “ Fire Dep't	2,457 95	
“ “ “ “ Salaries..	1,605 72	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Int. (Coupons).....	3,966 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Pub- lic Library.....	472 71	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Bury- ing Ground.....	15 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for Eve- ning School.....	150 00	
“ “ Mayor's warrants for New County Road.....	2,400 00	
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		\$40,031 89

L. Perry, Collector, 1871-2.

	DR.
To amount in his hands March 1, 1873.....	\$11,847 99
Interest received by him.....	190 73
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	\$12,038 72

	CR.
By Paid H. B. Hoskins Treasurer.....	\$2,500 00
S. Bowman.....	1,000 00
County tax.....	1,716 36
On State tax.....	4,200 00
Bal. due for uncollected taxes and cash from Mr. Perry March 1, 1873	2,622 36
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	\$12,038 72

Since March 1, 1873, Mr. Perry has paid	CR.
Balance of state tax	\$2,705 92
Allowed abatements	1,099 71
	<u>\$3,805 63</u>

	DR.
Above balance March 1	\$2,622 36
Balance due Mr. Perry	1,183 27
	<u>\$3,805 63</u>

Amount of taxes abated for 1869, '70, and 71, \$3,335 64

Joseph Siphers, Collector, 1872-3.

To amount of assessment as follows:	DR.
State Tax	\$12,540 35
County Tax	3,323 58

To amount of appropriation, viz:	
Highways, &c.	\$5,700 00
G. and P. Schools	3,500 00
High School	2,000 00
Evening School	250 00
School house repairs	500 00
Poor and Insane	2,000 00
Fire department	1,200 00
Police	1,500 00
Public library	500 00
Interest	4,600 00
Contingent expenses	2,000 00
Salaries	1,890 00
Discounts	1,800 00
New county road	3,700 00
Overlayings	963 65
	<u>\$32,103 65</u>

Supplementary tax	354 95
Interest collected on taxes	\$8 52
	<u>\$48,331 05</u>

	CR.
By Abatements	\$435 95
Cash paid treasurer	25,664 96
Discounts on taxes paid to Sept. 1	1,639 65
Paid on State tax	3,589 15
“ County tax	2,300 00
Uncollected taxes March 1..	\$11,779 25
Cash in his hands	2,921 79
	<u>14,701 04</u>
	<u><u>48,331 05</u></u>

Abatements.

	Dr.
To abatements on tax of 1872.....	\$435,95
Balance	2,823 86
	<u>\$3,259 81</u>
	Cr.
By Balance, March 1, 1872.....	\$1,941 21
Overlayings, 1872.....	963 65
Supplementary tax 1872.....	354 95
	<u>\$3,259 81</u>

Discounts.

	Dr.
To Amount allowed J. Siphers, Collector 1872-73.....	\$1,639 65
Balance	183 02
	<u>\$1,822 67</u>
	Cr.
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$22 67
Annual appropriation.....	1,800 00
	<u>\$1,822 67</u>

Mayor's Warrants.

Amount issued from No. 1 to 191 inclusive.....	\$34,486 57
Paid in by H. B. Hoskins, Treasurer. \$1,954 80	
do. S. Bowman.....	32,497 49
	<u>\$34,452 29</u>
Leaving warrant No. 191 outstanding.....	\$34 28

Appropriations and Expenditures,

Contingent Account.

	Dr.
To Error in last year's balance.....	\$26 73
Smiley, gas bill, Feb. 1872.....	43 55
Stationery for Treasurer, 1872.....	50
Vigoreaux, for duck spouts, 1870.....	5 00
Miss Gay, for ground rent.....	8 00
Miss Allen, for ground rent.....	5 00
Messrs. White rent city rooms.....	100 00
W. Peacock, guide boards.....	6 50
Heath Military Post.....	50 00
Smiley, gas post, lanterns, &c.....	398 86
H. Scribner.....	8 70
Smith & Gardiner, repairing hearse.....	3 00
Tibbetts & Lander, Paints and Oils.....	3 73
Bradstreet, horse hire for assessors.....	8 00
Ladd & Brann, lumber and labor.....	1 62
G. L. Rogers, care of clock.....	15 00
W. B. Shaw, glass and setting.....	21 90
Small pox bills.....	168 51
Dr. Hildreth, vaccination.....	100 00
Blanchard & Reed, Stationery.....	4 14
City Hall, for settees.....	132 10
Repairs on sprinkler.....	32 15
A. Potter, sprinkling streets.....	212 00
C. Anne, ringing bell.....	67 00
Printing, H. K. Morrell, bonds.....	\$10 00
“ “ Reports.....	98 10
“ “ Sundry notices.....	37 50
“ R. B. Caldwell.....	11 50
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	157 10
J. Webb, recording births and deaths and administering oaths.....	8 63
R. Smiley, gas for City Hall.....	\$115 20
do. do. City Rooms.....	9 20
do. do. Engine House.....	4 80
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$128 20 1,587 72

Amounts brought forward.....	\$128 20	\$1587 72
To R. Smiley, gas for Streets.....	328 80	
do. do. Force Pump.....	2 40	
do. do. High School.....	1 60	
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R. Smiley, two lamps		13 75
do. Repairs		11 86
J. Siphers, wood for city rooms.....		11 25
do. Cleaning do.		11 10
do. Sundry bills.....		17 70
W. Benjamin, city solicitor.....		20 00
W. Shaw, Reservoirs.....	\$1000 43	
do. Less appropriation.....	300 00	
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Repairs on watering places.....		30 94
Sundry small bills.....		15 45
Balance to new account.....		184 64
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		\$3,066 84

	Cr.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$335 99	
J. Siphers, use of hall.....	6 00	
Rent of Mr. Smith, of stable, to April 1, '72.	50 00	
do Leeman house Pierce and Jordan to		
Dec. 19, 1872.....	51 25	
Licenses	136 50	
Gravel from Esmond lot.....	87 10	
Annual appropriation.....	2000 00	
Transfer of charge, in previous account of		
payment on Esmond lot.....	200 00	
Amount received of liquor agent.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$3066 84
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Fire Department.

	Dr.	
Paid Fire King men to May 1, 1872.....	\$400 00	
Washington do. do.	357 50	
Force Pump do. do.	25 00	
Goodwin, care of cisterns, ladders &c.....	8 00	
Five men watching at P. O. fire.....	5 00	
Thomas, trucking.....	2 65	
Sundry small bills	5 48	
Repairs on reservoir at factory bridge.....	14 95	
S. Smith, filling Spring St. reservoir.....	3 00	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$821 58	

Amount brought forward.....		\$821 58
Fire King expenses—fuel.....	\$13 50	
R. A. Sager.....	33 31	
Goodwin, Steward.....	10 00	
Same in part for current year.....	6 00	
Packing, &c.....	2 00	
Rines, painting engine.....	125 00	
Holmes & Co.....	19 63	
Smith & Gardiner.....	12 00	
Berry, for oil.....	2 38	
Advance pay to men.....	85 00	
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		\$308 82
Washington expenses.		
Paid Webber marking men's suits.....	\$3 50	
Hunneman's bill.....	82 83	
Stevens, Steward.....	18 00	
Trucking.....	5 50	
Robbins & Sons.....	1 50	
Holmes & Co.....	127 77	
Webber, painting engine.....	125 00	
Atwood & Howland.....	18 62	
Fuel.....	6 00	
A. E. Wing.....	1 50	
R. A. Sager.....	11 50	
Advance pay to men.....	100 00	
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		\$501 72
Force Pump expenses.		
Paid Clason's bill, nozzles and pipe.....	\$14 00	
Linen hose and couplings.....	527 50	
R. A. Sager.....	16 50	
D Potter, two bills.....	18 25	
A. Berry, lumber and oil.....	103 26	
Reed, stove pipe.....	5 80	
Wiley & Moore, stove pipe.....	9 60	
Robbins & Sons.....	107 74	
Holmes & Co.....	34 25	
Colburn & Soper.....	5 35	
Tibbetts & Lander.....	3 38	
Fuel.....	6 00	
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		\$851 63
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		\$2,483 75
	Cr.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$1,137 29	
Annual appropriation.....	1,200 00	
Old hose sold.....	21 15	
Overdrawn.....	125 31	
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		\$2,483 75

High School.

	Dr.
Amount paid by D. C. Palmer.....	\$3,305 54
	Cr.
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$1,012 87
Annual appropriation.....	2,000 00
Amount received for tuition.....	212 00
Balance	80 17
	<u>\$3,305 54</u>

D. C. Palmer, Treasurer, High School.

	Dr.
To Balance in his hands March 1, 1873.....	\$107 89
Mayor's Warrants.....	2,949 60
Amount received for tuition.....	212 50
Balance due D. C. Palmer, March 1, 1873.....	35 55
	<u>\$3,305 54</u>

	Cr.
By bills paid by him, viz :	
By Paid W. S. Stockbridge for teaching....	\$200 00
Bill for books.....	11 50
Miss S. E. Bradley for teaching....	100 00
" Mary A. Hodgkins "	273 33
" " " bill books..	1 25
Weston Lewis for teaching.....	1,133 33
Bill for Philosophical apparatus....	182 77
Mrs. E. H. Jose for teaching.....	505 56
Miss H. A. Hatch for teaching....	233 33
Ella A. Berry for teaching.....	100 00
N. A. May, taking care of house...	144 00
do. bill for repairs.....	36 50
Blanchard & Reed for books, &c....	58 60
James Nash, for furniture.....	57 75
John Stone, bill.....	1 98
R. M. Smiley, gas bill.....	1 20
R. Reed & Co., coal grate.....	6 00
S. E. Gould, for use of Piano, 1871.	10 00
J. H. Card, trucking.....	4 05
J. Thomas, trucking.....	8 00
Peter Grant, for coal.....	24 60
Dingley Bros. do.	166 92
Tibbetts & Lander, for oil.....	7 18
R. B. Caldwell, printing.....	5 00
H. K. Morrell, "	22 50
Atwood & Howland, bell wheel....	4 40
P. C. Holmes & Co., do.	1 13
C. Anne, labor.....	1 00
Charles McFarland, for keys.....	3 66
	<u>\$3,305 54</u>

Grammar and Primary Schools.

W. Benjamin, Treasurer S. S. Committee.

To Balance. 1871-72, paid by W. Benjamin, Treas.	DR.	
Schedule A.....	\$1,327	13
Amount paid by E. Robinson, Treas., to March 1, '73	6,160	61
	<u>\$7,487</u>	<u>74</u>
	CR.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$1,632	28
Annual appropriation.....	3,500	00
" for repairs.....	500	00
State mill tax.....	1,207	88
Savings Bank tax.....	410	55
Tuition in Lincoln Street district.....	91	00
Lumber sold.....	2	60
Balance	143	43
	<u>\$7,487</u>	<u>74</u>

Mr. Robinson estimates about \$255 unpaid bills

W. Benjamin, Treas. S. S. Com. 1871-2.

To Balance in his hands March 21, 1872.....	DR.	\$119	86
Mayor's warrants March 2, 1872.....	1,200	00	
Amount received of Edward Robinson.....	7	27	
	<u>\$1,327</u>	<u>13</u>	
	CR.		
Paid bal. of bills to March, '72, Schedule A..	\$1,327	13	

Payments of School Bills by W. Benjamin, to March 18, 1872.

SCHEDULE A.

J. M. Larrabee.....	\$19	25
Paid Teachers, High School.....	\$233	33
Lawrence District.....	15	00
Winter Street.....	100	00
Lincoln "	250	00
Dresden "	75	00
New Mills.....	175	00
Spring Street.....	75	
Maple "	75	
Neal "	75	
Hildreth District.....	75	
Miller "	55	
Libby "	72	
	<u>\$1,275</u>	<u>33</u>
Amount carried forward.....	\$1,294	58

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,294 58
Paid Fuel.....	7 00
Care of houses.....	21 75
Crayons, &c.....	3 80
	<u>\$1,327 13</u>

E. Robinson, Treas. S. S. Com., 1872-3.

	Dr.
To Mayor's warrants.....	\$5,650 00
Amount received for tuition (Lincoln Street).....	91 00
" " Lumber sold.....	2 60
Balance due Mr. Robinson.....	424 28
	<u>\$6,167 88</u>

	Cr.
By Bills paid him, as per Schedule B.....	\$6,160 61
Paid W. Benjamin.....	7 27
	<u>\$6,167 88</u>

Payments by E. Robinson, Treasurer and S. S. Committee.

SCHEDULE B.

Paid for cleaning school houses.....	\$27 98
" Singing books.....	\$49 83
" Music teacher.....	99 99
	<u>149 32</u>
Morrell, for printing.....	50 00
" " Insurance.....	\$114 00
Maxcy, " " 	63 00
	<u>177 00</u>
For Fuel.....	428 73
" Care of School Houses.....	139 50
Mr. Larrabee for School Census.....	12 00
For Repairs of houses.....	513 45
" Sundry small bills.....	41 06
Teachers—Miller District.....	\$219 50
Lawrence District.....	193 75
Hildreth " 	187 50
Libby " 	187 50
Flag Staff " 	200 00
New Mills " 	525 00
Spring Street.....	225 00
Winter " two schools..	675 00
Maple " 	150 00
High " 	750 00
Lincoln " 	783 32
Dresden " 	300 00
Neal " 	225 00
	<u>\$4,621 57</u>
	<u>\$6,160 61</u>

Evening School.

		DR.
To Paid bills to March 1, 1872.....		\$156 40
Bills since, on account of 1872-73.....		98 75
Mr. Bowie, teaching, 1873.....		100 00
Balance undrawn.....	\$150 00	
Less due Mr. Palmer.....	5 15	
		<u>144 85</u>
		\$500 00
	CR.	
By Annual appropriation, 1872.....	\$250 00	
" " 1873.....	250 00	
		<u>\$500 00</u>

Highways and Sidewalks.

		DR.
E. Dow, Street Commissioner, charges, viz :		
To Labor		\$4,852 76
Lumber		1,280 05
Hardware bills.....		208 14
Blacksmith bills.....		54 40
J. Gray, wharfage of gravel.....		15 00
J. T Moore, gravel.....		39 80
Drain pipe.....		59 02
Sundry small bills of material, &c.....		34 54
		<u>\$6,543 74</u>
	CR.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$229 29	
E. Dow, received for use of derrick.....	14 00	
Annual appropriation.....	5,700 00	
Balance excess of expenditures.....	600 45	
		<u>\$6,543 74</u>

Edmund Dow, Street Commissioner.

		DR.
To Mayor's warrants.....		\$6,500 00
Amount received for use of derrick.....		14 00
Balance due city, March 1, 1872.....		5 32
Balance due Mr. Dow, March 1, 1873.....		24 42
		<u>\$6,543 74</u>
	CR.	
By his charges, per schedule.....	\$6,543 74	

SCHEDULE.

Caleb Taylor.....	\$1 25
Hiram Duulap.....	15 65
B. Williams.....	39 31
Asa Averill.....	3 00
F. M. Wakefield.....	38 75
T. T. Holbrook.....	46 60
R. Douglass.....	9 88
Freeman Williams.....	107 81
Leonard Turner.....	239 00
Timothy Booker.....	2 30
Wm. French.....	1 00
N. May.....	374 20
H. J. Pratt.....	171 00
E. Turner.....	248 30
Geo Brann.....	9 80
A. B. Andrews.....	2 80
F. D. Harmon.....	81 80
A. E. Andrews.....	439 30
Wm. Merrill.....	1 35
D. J. Libby.....	119 98
Chas. Jackins.....	174 00
Adam Nickerson.....	16 00
J. H. Huntington.....	87 70
Stillman Libby.....	42 22
T. Cutts.....	2 50
E. Carlton.....	75 00
Wm. Peacock.....	44 25
R. Heselton.....	11 50
James Potter.....	43 70
T. Littlefield.....	2 00
Chas. Knox.....	27 00
J. W. Peacock.....	26 00
S. Gray.....	9 50
Myrick Hopkins.....	7 70
Geo. Weeks.....	48 00
Peter Grant.....	7 06
C. Smith.....	3 60
John Moore.....	39 80
Chas. Ware.....	3 00
E. Hinkley.....	10 00
A. E. Wing.....	7 30
A. Booker.....	8 06
G. W. Chase.....	4 25
P. S. Robinson.....	4 06
P. C. Holmes & Co.....	5 48
J. L. Dale.....	4 25
G. F. Church.....	25 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$2,682 01

Amount brought forward.....	\$2,682 01
E. Berry.....	15 00
John Meader.....	20 75
Elisha Libby.....	1 20
J. L. Dale.....	47 00
A. C. Maxwell.....	11 50
Blanchard & Reed.....	3 30
B. Chamberlain.....	170 00
J. Harding.....	38 75
H. Potter.....	84 75
Tibbetts & Lander.....	64 88
Dingley Bros.....	67 76
John F. Royal.....	7 00
Dorson Dale.....	82 50
R. T. Hays & Co.....	104 33
G. E. Horn.....	9 00
R. Blaisdell.....	48 25
H. W. Jewett.....	307 08
G. Harriman.....	18 42
J. Gray.....	199 55
Geo. Nichols.....	12 00
Wm. Nichols.....	10 50
Josiah Jones.....	45 50
R. D. Rhoades.....	5 00
Geo. Goodrich.....	13 74
D. Gray.....	278 41
R. Nichols.....	52 00
C. L. Putman.....	3 75
H. Libby.....	2 50
B. Neal.....	7 50
David Heath.....	13 00
R. H. Sawyer.....	8 35
H. J. Swift.....	3 90
J. Walker.....	3 00
G. W. Atkins.....	38 50
W. Woodward.....	30 00
Wm. Royal.....	5 00
W. H. Curtis.....	20 57
Martin Ridley.....	264 00
I. G. Vannah.....	75 50
M. Hickey.....	5 00
Arthur Berry.....	190 63
N. O. Mitchell.....	200 76
M. W. Pray.....	5 20
J. N. Dunphy.....	32 50
W. B. Shaw.....	8 00
A. E. Clary.....	19 00
David Philbrook.....	26 00
A. H. Littlefield.....	2 50
Amount carried forward.....	\$5 365 16

Amount brought forward.....	\$5,365 16
Jacob Emerson.....	1 80
F. B. Curtis.....	9 57
Andrew Tibbetts.....	32 50
Lawrence Brothers.....	2 23
Shem Weeks.....	136 74
Samuel Hopkins.....	171 40
T. Hildreth.....	144 05
J. O. Wiley.....	70 05
Eben Libby.....	52 07
W. R. Gay.....	6 00
Enoch Miller.....	87 52
Joseph Bowker.....	34 04
F. W. Wakefield.....	17 60
William Peacock.....	87 18
“ “	23 20
E. Turner.....	17 80
A. Nickerson.....	11 00
William Royal.....	8 50
G. Turner.....	8 58
H. Swift.....	4 40
A. E. Andrews.....	32 90
N. May.....	46 00
James Harden.....	31 00
Poor Department.....	121 75
E. Dow.....	9 90
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	\$6,543 74
Outstanding bills estimated about.....	\$400 00
Overdrawn	600 45
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	\$1,000 45

Salaries.

	Dr.
To Paid Assessors and Overseers.....	\$450 00
City Clerk.....	90 00
Street Commissioner.....	250 00
Mayor	200 00
Treasurer.....	150 00
School Committee.....	225 00
City Physician.....	20 00
Collector.....	175 00
Clerk Common Council.....	15 00
Chief Engineer.....	35 00
2d and 3d Engineers.....	30 00
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	\$1,640 00
Balance unpaid.....	500 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$2,140 00

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,140 00
	Cr.	
Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$250 00	
Annual appropriation.....	1,890 00	
		<u>\$2,140 00</u>

Police.

		Dr.
Paid Dingley & Co., for coal.....	\$24 45	
P. Grant.....	5 67	
		<u>\$30 12</u>
J. Siphers, for hand-cuffs.....		5 00
“ “ Police badges.....		22 00
“ “ Attending court.....		15 00
“ “ Sundry bills.....		10 83
Printing for Police Court.....		64 00
“ “ City Marshall.....		6 00
Stamp and die, for Police Court.....		10 00
C. J. Smith, pitching Flagg Staff.....		1 00
Doyle & Pottle, wood for Police Court.....		6 50
Police services, Curtis.....	\$2 00	
Thomas.....	5 15	
Williams.....	13 00	
May.....	2 00	
Bishop.....	2 00	
Huntington.....	2 00	
Anne.....	2 00	
Berry.....	10 44	
Colson.....	7 00	
Shaw.....	5 00	
Smith.....	12 00	
Lawrence.....	6 00	
Bailey.....	11 00	
Wadsworth.....	10 00	
Kimball.....	9 00	
		<u>98 59</u>
Night watch, Siphers and Dixon, to March 1, 1872		108 75
Night watch, Siphers and Dixon, to March 1, 1873.....	\$1,368 75	
Colson.....	8 00	
		<u>1,376 75</u>
		<u>\$1,754 54</u>
	Cr.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$161 35	
Annual appropriation.....	1,500 00	
Overdrawn.....	93 19	
		<u>\$1,754 54</u>

Poor and Insane.

Amount of payments by overseers, viz :		Dr.
To am't of Alms House expenses, schedule A.	\$1,514	57
Outside Aid, schedule B.....	413	85
Insane Hospital, schedule C.....	599	96
Travelling paupers, &c.....	4	62
		\$2,533 00
Balance unexpended.....		1,126 50
		\$3,659 50

		Cr.
By Amount undrawn and in hands of Overseer, March 1, 1872.....	\$1,189	58
Amount of annual appropriation.....	2,000	00
Received from other towns.....	223	74
Hay &c., sold from farm.....	106	54
Received on account of J. S. McCurdy	17	89
Received for labor of horse and cart	121	75
		\$3,659 50

<i>Amount due from other Towns.</i>		
From Town of Norridgewock.....	\$129	25
Richmond	14	80
Waterville.....	29	02
Litchfield	3	16
		\$176 23

Expense of Alms House.

SCHEDULE A.		
Edmund Dow, salary as Superintendent.....	\$500	00
A. Bailey, Insurance for 2 years.....	30	00
A. P. Davis " "	30	00
O. Dill, Repairs.....	\$37	10
D. Gray, Lumber.....	4	05
H. W. Jewett, Lumber.....	2	95
G. B. Goodrich, Blacksmithing.....	20	95
T. W. Andrews, Repairs, &c.....	6	70
A. E. Wing, "	13	60
W. R. Wharff "	12	00
		97 35
R. E. Johnson, supplies	90	35
J. A. Cox, Shoes.....	4	00
W. Milliken "	1	25
J. A. Andrews, shoes.....	7	65
A. Bradley, shoes.....	3	25
Dingley Bros, Hard Ware, &c.....	17	23
		97 35
Amount carried forward.....	\$781	08

Amount brought forward.....	\$781 08
Tibbetts & Lander, hardware, crockery, &c.....	21 63
Bartlett & Wood, meal, feed, &c.....	133 00
J. & J. T Stone, dry goods.....	25 61
Barstow & Nickerson, supplies.....	95 56
Wilson & Johnson ".....	50 65
Larrabee & Libby ".....	22 50
E. Rowe, fish.....	15 25
Joseph Peacock, wood.....	\$15 75
A. Clary, ".....	42 00
I. H. Booker ".....	17 18
I. S. Mitchell, supplies.....	74 93
Baxter Marr ".....	36 30
C. P. Branch estate, medicines.....	15 31
J. E. Davis, buffalo robe.....	6 70
E. D. Haley, dry goods.....	15 00
J. Safford, burying Mary Meader.....	14 16
I. N. Tucker & Co., cloth.....	4 00
E. Dow, supplies.....	2 40
	200 49
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	\$1,514 57

Expenses for Outside Aid.

SCHEDULE B.

S. Marriner, for Mrs. O'Hara, (Norridgewock).....	\$147 50
Dr. Hildreth ".....	16 00
Miss Allen, rent for L. Turner.....	40 00
Baxter Marr, for L. Turner, A. Simpson & Mrs. Nickerson.....	15 45
S. Hathaway, for S. Potter.....	1 75
Dexter Taylor, for Charles Douglass.....	10 00
E. Norton, for H. Dunlap, (rent).....	18 00
B. Lawrence, for Mrs. Cusack.....	7 10
F. Trott, for H. Johnson, W. C. Dill, G. L. Hutchinson, and W. Page.....	14 81
Joseph Siphers, for travelling paupers.....	4 00
Marr & Merchant, for Keenan, Simpson and Page.....	30 52
Wilson & Johnson, for Lint, (Richmond).....	14 80
Larrabee & Libby, for French (Solon).....	8 80
Estate of J. Davis ".....	3 00
R. Reed ".....	60
Overseers ".....	10 00
C. P. Branch, for Meader.....	1 00
E. Dow, for A. W. Tripp.....	4 34
City of Portland, for A. W. Tripp.....	10 00
A. G. Davis, ".....	6 30
J. A. Cox, for Mrs. Nickerson.....	7 25
W. Milliken, for W. Page, (Waterville).....	5 00
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/>
	\$376 22

Amount brought forward.....	\$376 22
Dr. Whitmore, for Keenan, (Green).....	25 00
R. E Johnson, for C. R. Witham.....	3 00
Pittston, for A. Wakefield.....	4 95
N. B. Norton, for several persons.....	2 55
Orran Richardson, for G. Meader.....	2 13
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	\$413 85

For Insane Poor at the State Hospital.

SCHEDULE C.

James S. McCurdy.....	\$148 53
Joseph Weeks.....	145 05
Julia Buck.....	136 88
Esther Gilpatrick.....	169 50
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	\$599 96

Overseers of Poor and Insane.

	Dr.
To Balance in their hands March 1, 1872.....	\$17 68
Mayor's warrants to March 1, 1873.....	2,100 00
Amount received by them from other sources.....	469 92
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	\$2,587 60
	Cr.
By payments on account of Poor and Insane. \$2,533 00	
Balance in their hands.....	54 60
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	\$2,587 60

Interest Account.

	Dr.
To Paid Coupons on bonds.....	\$3,987 00
Interest on note to Miss Gay.....	60 00
“ “ to Mr. Trott.....	60 00
“ “ on Temporary Loan.....	138 40
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	\$4,245 40
Balance to new account.....	2,791 52
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	\$7,036 92
	Cr.
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$2,146 43
Annual appropriations.....	4,600 00
Interest of L. Perry, collector.....	190 73
“ on Clary's note.....	91 24
“ of J. Siphers, collector.....	8 52
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	\$7,036 92

High School House.

	Dr.	
Balance March 1, 1873.....		\$5,051 76
	Cr.	
Special appropriation of bonds sold.....	\$2,000 00	
Balance	3,051 76	
		\$5,051 76

Public Library.

	Dr.	
To Paid C. A. & J. D. White, rent.....		\$46 00
Lee & Shepard, for books.....		87 71
Noyes, Holmes & Co.....		140 56
Express		1 25
R. M. Smiley, gas bill.....		18 40
H. K. Morrell, Insurance.....		18 00
“ “ Printing.....		13 25
John Berry, sundry bills.....		51 16
Mrs. Heath, Librarian.....		100 59
“ “ Bill.....		2 25
Palmer & Co., binding books.....		32 82
Balance undrawn.....	\$301 34	
Less due Mr. Palmer.....	39 28	
		262 06
		\$774 05
	Cr.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$96 05	
Annual appropriation.....	500 00	
Receipts by Mrs. Heath.....	178 00	
		\$774 05

New County Road.

	Dr.	
To Paid E. Berry.....		2,400 00
Balance		1,300 00
		\$3,700 00
	Cr.	
By appropriation 1872.....	\$3,700 00	

High Street Burial Ground.

	Dr.	
To Mayor's warrant.....		\$15 00
Balance March 1 1873.....		25 50
		\$40 50
	Cr.	
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$40 50	

State Tax.

	Dr.
To Amount paid by L. Perry, collector, on 1871 tax....	\$4,200 00
" " J. Siphers, on 1872 tax.....	3,589 45
Balance due on 1871 tax.....	\$2,705 92
" " 1872 "	8,950 90
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	11,656 82
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	\$19,446 27
	Cr.
By Balance due March 1, 1872.....	\$6,905 92
Tax of 1872.....	12,540 35
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	\$19,446 27

County Tax.

	Dr.
To Balance paid by L. Perry, collector on 1871 tax.....	\$1,716 36
Amount paid by J. Siphers, collector on 1872 tax.....	2,300 00
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	\$4,016 36
Balance due on 1872 tax.....	1,023 58
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	\$5,039 94
	Cr.
By Balance March 1, 1872.....	\$1,716 36
Tax for 1872.....	3,323 58
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	\$5,039 94

Arthur Berry.

Balance due on sale of land March 1, 1872.....	\$412 50
Interest on the same.....	

Liquor Agency.

	Dr.
Feb. 26, 1872, To Stock on hand.....	\$302 55
Cash.....	311 42
Profits	214 02
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	\$827 99
	Cr.
Feb. 17, 1873, By stock.....	\$342 53
Paid S. Bowman, Treas..	200 00
Cash to balance on hand.....	285 46
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	\$827 99
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Sold in the city.....	\$1,750 00
" Out of the city.....	613 61
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	\$2,263 61

Esmond Lot.

To Paid B. Esmond, lot on Brunswick Street..... Dr.
\$1,500 00

Permanent Debt.

Bonds of Oct. 1, 1859, due Oct. 1, 1874.....	\$5,000	
“ “ “ “ “ 1879.....	5,000	
		\$10,000
“ July 1, 1863 “ July 1 1873.....	\$7,000	
“ “ “ “ “ 1878.....	4,000	
“ “ “ “ “ 1883.....	3,000	
		14,000
“ of April 15, 1867, due April 1, 1877.....	\$24,500	
“ “ “ “ “ 15, 1882.....	15,500	
“ “ “ “ “ 1887.....	1,000	
		41,000
“ of Feb. 15, 1873, “ Feb. 15, 1883.....		2,000
		\$67,000
Two notes of \$1,000 each due on demand.....		2,000
To which add balance of loan authorized but not negotiated..		4,000
		\$73,000

It will be noticed above that \$7,000 becomes due July 1, 1873 and must be provided for.

No prudent man of financial abilities would regard it expedient to allow this debt to go onward and probably increasing by the demand of our municipal wants without providing some means by which it will be ultimately paid. The consequence if not provided for will be to increase our interest account by taxation until that charge became onerous and the rumor of it with other accruing expenditures will have a tendency to prevent immigration into the city, particularly of men of capital. Our taxes are yearly increasing. The average of our highway expenses for five years prior to 1859 were \$3,500 annually. Last year they exceeded \$6,000 and this year \$7,000 without any very manifest improvement for the last fifteen years. Our school expenses have doubled in the same period with no more scholars in 1870 than there were in 1860.

I am of opinion, in common with our best thinkers on this subject, that a sinking fund should be commenced and a committee of some of our more cautious and reliable citizens be created by the council, in whose charge it should be placed, and be beyond the itching palm of any one to use it for any other purpose than that for which it is provided.

Our taxable valuation is about two million two hundred thousand dollars and has increased for the last two years at the rate of about one hundred thousand dollars annually. This valuation is probably too low. If we estimate the average of our valuation for the next fifteen years at \$2,500,000, a tax of one and a half mills on that sum would at the end of that time amount to \$56,250 towards paying our debt of

\$73,000. As some of the bonds mature so soon the sinking fund would not be available and some of the bonds will have to be renewed, say for twenty years from this date, and the tax continued for that time would a little more than discharge the whole of our present debt. The deliberate consideration of this subject by the City Council is desired by many of our citizens.

I would respectfully suggest the expediency of passing an ordinance creating a city Auditor and defining his duties. It is frequently the case in changing our municipal officers, but few if any are as well posted or take that interest in its financial affairs as ought to be the case.

I would recommend the following transfers :

From Poor and Insane to Fire Department.....	\$600 00	
Discount to same.....	183 02	
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From J. M. Larrabee to G. and P. Schools.....	400 00	
" " High School.....	43 01	
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From interest to Police.....	\$93 19	
" " Highways.....	406 81	
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From abatements to Highways.....		600 00
This will close up all the overdrawn accounts.		

Trial Balance, March 1st, 1873.

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